

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-25. (Cancelled).

26. (New) A recording medium disc storage case in combination with a disc having a central hole, said storage case comprising:

a holding plate for covering a side of said disc, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc;

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion configured to open and close said storage case; and

said holding portion having a top surface which defines a clearance from said cover member of less than a thickness dimension of said disc when said cover member is in a closed position.

27. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 26, wherein said storage case has a thickness of not greater than 6 mm when said cover member is closed over the holding plate.

28. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 26, wherein said holding plate and said cover member have respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition, wherein said abutting portions are configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

29. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 26, wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate completely

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and wherein a hinge member is located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

30. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 26, wherein said cover member forms opposed side walls of said storage case, said side walls each having at least two label holding claws projecting therefrom, and said cover member includes communication apertures extending through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

31. (New) A recording medium disc storage case, comprising:

a holding plate configured to cover a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion for opening and closing said storage case,

said storage case having a thickness of not greater than 6 mm when said cover member is closed over the holding plate.

32. (New) A recording medium disc storage case as set forth in claim 31, wherein said holding portion has a top surface which abuts an inner surface of said cover member or defines a clearance less than a thickness of said disc therebetween when said cover member is closed over said holding plate.

33. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 31, wherein said holding plate and said cover member have respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition, said abutting portions configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

34. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 31, wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate completely and wherein a hinge member is located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

35. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 31, wherein said cover member forms opposed peripheral walls of said storage case, said peripheral walls each having at least two label holding claws projecting from a peripheral wall of said cover member, and said cover member defining communication apertures extending through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

36. (New) A recording medium disc storage case as set forth in claim 31, wherein said holding plate comprises a peripheral wall centrally split by a predetermined spacing, and a central indentation at a location where the peripheral wall is split; and

wherein said cover member is formed with a peripheral wall having a central portion adapted to fit the central indentation when the cover member is in its closed position.

37. (New) A recording medium disc storage case comprising:  
a holding plate for covering a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion for opening and closing said storage case;

said holding plate and said cover member having respective abutting portions which directly abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition, said abutting portions configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

38. (New) A recording medium disc storage case comprising:

a holding plate for covering a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc;

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate and a hinge portion pivotally interconnecting said holding plate and said cover member for opening and closing said storage case;

wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover the top surface of said holding plate completely; and

a hinge member is located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

39. (New) A recording medium disc storage case, comprising:

a holding plate configured to cover a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion for opening and closing said storage case,

said cover member forming opposed side walls of said storage case, said side walls each having at least two label holding claws projecting therefrom, and said cover member defining communication apertures extending through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

40. (New) A recording medium disc storage case, comprising:

a holding plate for covering a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member formed separately from said holding plate and pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion,

wherein the thickness between a rear surface of said holding plate and a top surface of said holding portion is not greater than 4 mm.

41. (New) A recording medium disc storage case as set forth in claim 40, wherein said holding portion has a top surface which abuts an inner surface of said cover member or defines a clearance less than a thickness of said disc therebetween when said cover member is closed over said holding plate.

42. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 40, wherein said holding plate and said cover member have respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition, said abutting portions configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

43. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 40, comprising:  
said cover member larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate completely; and

a hinge member located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

44. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 40, wherein said cover member forms opposed peripheral walls of said storage case, said peripheral walls each having at least two label holding claws projecting from a peripheral wall of said cover member, and said cover member defining communication apertures extending through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

45. (New) A recording medium disc storage case, comprising:

a holding plate configured to cover a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion for opening and closing said storage case,

said storage case having a thickness of 5.2 mm when said cover member is closed over the holding plate.

46. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 45, wherein said holding portion has a top surface which abuts an inner surface of said cover member or defines a clearance less than said thickness of said disc therebetween when said cover member is closed over said holding plate.

47. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 45, wherein said holding plate and said cover member have respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition, said abutting portions configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

48. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 45, comprising:  
said cover member larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate completely; and

a hinge member located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

49. (New) The recording medium disc storage case of claim 45, wherein said cover member forms opposed peripheral walls of said storage case, said peripheral walls each having at least two label holding claws projecting from a peripheral wall of said cover

member, and said cover member defining communication apertures extending through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

50. (New) A recording medium disc storage case comprising:

a holding plate for covering a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc;

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate;

a hinge portion pivotally interconnecting said holding plate and said cover for opening and closing said storage case; and

said holding plate including a central indentation at a central portion of each of upper and lower edges thereof, said cover member formed with a central portion of a peripheral wall adapted to fit the central indentation when the cover member is in its closed position, the central portion having a height equivalent to the thickness of the case.

51. (New) A recording medium disc storage case, comprising:

a holding plate;

a cover member; and

a hinge portion provided on one end side of each of said holding plate and cover member for pivotally connecting the holding plate and a cover member for opening and closing the storage case,

the holding plate including a holding portion provided in a substantially central area thereof, said holding portion fitted into a central hole of a recording medium disc,

the holding plate and the cover member configured to cover opposite sides of said disc in a storing position,

the holding plate including a central indentation inwardly stepped from each of an upper and a lower edges thereof in a central position of each of the edges

the cover member including a central portion to be fitted with the central indentation,  
the central portion having a height defining a thickness of the case,

the cover member including peripheral walls on opposite sides of the central portion,  
each of the peripheral walls formed with a label holding claw inwardly projecting therefrom,

the holding plate including peripheral walls on opposite sides of the central  
indentation, each of the peripheral walls formed with a step portion inwardly stepped  
therefrom for receiving a label holding claw.

52. (New) A recording disc storage case as set forth in claim 51, wherein the  
storage case has a thickness of not greater than 6 mm when the cover member is closed over  
the holding plate.

53. (New) A recording medium disc storage case as set forth in claim 51, wherein  
the cover member includes a communication aperture extending through the thickness thereof  
to expose a label holding claw.